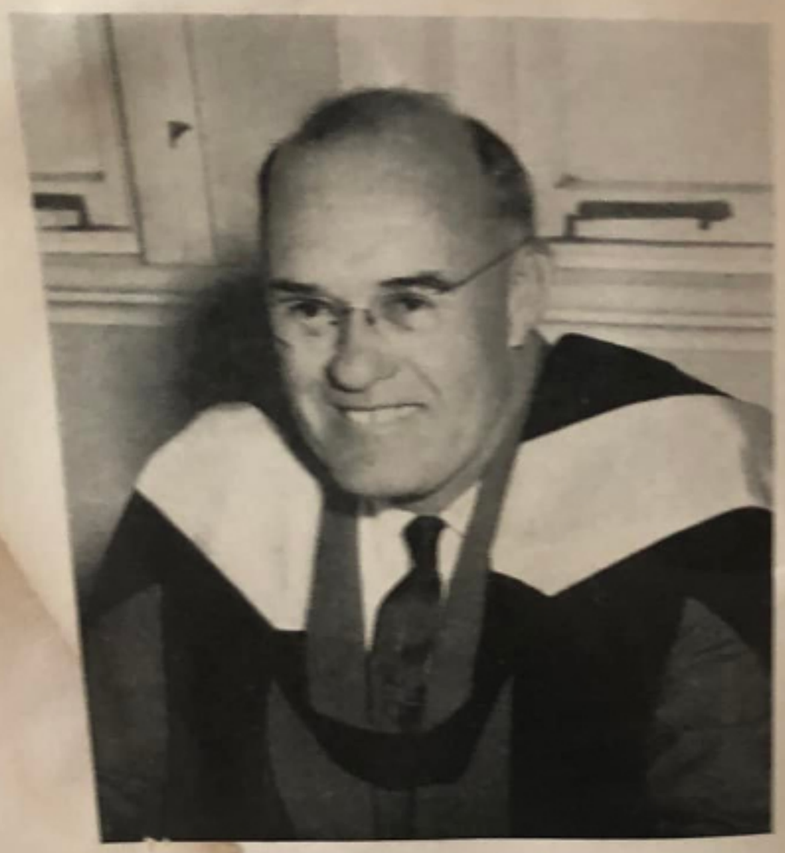
Principal's Page



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THE Townsville State High School, founded in 1924, has a long and meritorious history, and the record of much of that history is contained in the annual volumes of the School Magazine. One of the "features" of the Magazine is the Principal's Page, and I am very pleased to have the honour of being the 1962 contributor. I am the successor of a line of names well known in Secondary Education circles in Queensland, from the foundation Principal, Mr. D. Hamilton, to my immediate predecessor, Mr. V. G. Honour. It must have been a great shock to many Townsville residents to learn of the death, at Rockhampton, in March of this year, of Mr. S. H. Hosking, Acting Principal here from August, 1943, to June, 1945. I know that many in Townsville will join me in mourning the loss of a sincere friend, a sympathetic teacher, and an able administrator.

A School Magazine is important in many ways. Firstly, it is a record of all that has been achieved during the year under review—in studies, in sport, in social activities, and indeed, in all facets of school life. Secondly, it offers those students whose interest is in writing, an outlet for their work, whether it be prose or verse, serious or humorous. And thirdly, it represents a corporate effort, an achievement, in which every member of the school can take pride.

I should like to comment briefly on some of the more important events of the school year. Each term has its own particular character and activities. In first term, we are settling down: new students, new teachers (and a new Principal, this year), are fitting into the ways of the school, learning about it, and becoming part of the team. In this term we had our Swimming Carnivals (congratulations to Griffith House in winning the Inter-House competition and to our boys' team in winning the Inter-School Competition), we took part in the city Anzac Day observance, and we staged, most effectively, our opera, "The Pirates of Penzance".

Second term is the busy term: Social and Sporting Events seemed to come one after another throughout the term. There was the visit from Ayr High School and the visit to Ingham High School. There were plays, concerts and a barbecue, the Show, Term and Army Cadet Dances, inter-school sporting fixtures, and our own Inter-House Athletic Competition (congratulations to Deakin House). There was the bold and successful experiment of S.C.M. Week. It was a busy and varied term.

But Third Term means Speech Night, Examinations, and finally, the end of the year. It is a sweet time when exams. are over, but a sad time too, for those whose school days have come to an end.

I hope that those who are leaving school have enjoyed and appreciated their stay. I hope they have gained something from their School; and in return, have given something back, have added to its name and lustre. I hope they find happiness and success in the future. May they always remember the Latin words (and the English meaning), of their School Motto:

IN MELIORA CONTENDE.

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